



Welcome to the Parish of St Anthony of Padua

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Mass will be held on Wednesday 22nd July at 10.00 am and Sunday 26th July at 9.00 am.

Attendance will need to be pre-booked to maintain social distancing, and so that people will not have to be turned away at the door if we reach maximum occupancy. **Please do not arrive at church hoping to attend Mass if you have not booked in advance.** It is possible that we may not be able to accommodate all parishioners at Mass every week. We will keep a record of attendees so that everyone will have the opportunity to attend Mass at some time. Future Mass times and dates will be advertised in our newsletter.

To pre-book your attendance at Mass on one of the days above:

Contact Anne Doyle on Monday 20th July, between 09.00 am - 11.00 am, or 6.00pm – 8.00pm;

telephone 01225 707486 or email anne.doyle16@blueyonder.co.uk Requests outside these times cannot be accepted.

We appreciate that some people would like to remain after Mass for private prayer. We do have to ensure the church is cleaned after each Mass, so instead **the church will be open 15 minutes before the beginning of Mass at 9.45 am on Wednesday 22nd and 8.45 am on Sunday 26th for private prayer.**

Please note:

Toilet facilities will remain closed to prevent any risk of transmission of infection; please remember this when planning your visit. The obligation to attend Mass on Sunday remains suspended. Heartfelt thanks to all our volunteers who make reopening possible.

Sunday 19th July: Sixteenth Sunday of the Year

Sunday Year A; Psalter week 4

Reading 1 - Wisdom: 12-13, 16-19;

Psalm refrain: O lord, you are good and forgiving

Reading 2 - Rom 8: 26-27

Gospel - Matthew 13: 24-43

Prayers of the Faithful, Sixteenth Sunday of the Year

“I am with you always, even to the end of time.”

We pray for the leaders of our Church and State, that they may work with us, with wisdom and compassion.

We pray for an end to the pandemic and for a successful vaccine.

We pray for the sick, the vulnerable and the disabled, and for all who love and care for them.

We pray for those we have known and loved who have died, and for their families and friends. We remember Vilma D’Sousa who has died recently.

We pray that as a Parish community, we may reach out to each other in this time of social isolation and distancing, in whatever way we can, with love and compassion.

We pray for the Churches of St. Thomas More, Marlborough with Pewsey, and St. Joseph, Wroughton, for Fr. Vincent and our own Church, and for the Church of God of Prophecy, Melksham.

We thank God for the gift of life and for each day.

We make these prayers through Christ Our Lord. Amen

Gay Harris

Monday 20th July: Word: Mi 6: 1-4, 6-8; Ps 49; Mt 12: 38-42

Hours: Psalter 4

Tuesday 21st July: Word: Mi 7: 14-15, 18-20; Ps 84; Mt 12: 46-50

Hours: Psalter 4

Wednesday 22nd July: Feast of St Mary Magdalene

Reading 1 - 2Cor 5: 14-17;

Psalm refrain: For you my soul is thirsting, O lord my God

Gospel: Jn 20: 1-2, 11-18

Hours: Psalter 4 Proper of Feast

Thursday 23rd July: Feast of St Bridget, Patron of Europe

Word: Gal 2:19-20; Ps 33; Jn 15: 1-8

Hours: Psalter 4 Proper of Feast

Friday 24th July: Word: Jer 3: 14-17; Jer 31; Mt 13: 18-23

Hours: Psalter 4

Saturday 25th July: Feast of St James, Apostle

Word: 2Cor 4: 7-15; Ps 125; Mt 20: 20-28

Hours: Psalter 4 Proper of Feast

Retiring Collections – Easter offering for Fr Vincent

Vilma D'Souza: Vilma D'Souza died peacefully at home on Sunday 12th July, may she rest in peace. Please keep Vilma and her family, particularly her daughter Sharon, in your prayers. Vilma's funeral service will take place at West Wiltshire Crematorium at 12.15 on Friday 31st July. Due to Covid 19, numbers at the crematorium are restricted and attendance is by family invitation only. A webcast of the service will be available. If any parishioners would like to join this, the link is:

<https://www.wesleymedia.co.uk/webcast-view> Login / Order ID: 41323 Password: snnebez

Volunteer Cleaners: We rely heavily on our volunteers during this time to be able to open our church. We need more volunteer cleaners to join our team; if you are not in the clinically vulnerable group (under 70 and not shielding), please contact Mary Rooney on 07789 910591 to help with this important task. Thank you.

Children's Liturgy during Lockdown - Facebook resources: Created by a primary teacher, there are weekly videos for each Sunday as well as craft ideas for children to try, and which link to that Sunday's Gospel. The videos are just 10 minutes long, with a children's version of the Gospel, short explanation as well as a little song, prayer and something for the children to make to help remind them of each week's Gospel message. The YouTube link is: <https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=gMpS4smCUrg>

CAFOD: CAFOD has joined with the UK Disasters Emergencies Committee to help millions of people whose lives are at risk, as coronavirus spreads across refugee camps and countries suffering conflict. You can donate at <https://cafod.org.uk/News/Emergencies-news/Coronavirus-response> to help CAFOD scale up its coronavirus response through our global Church family. You can also use CAFOD's Summer of Hope fundraising ideas with your family and friends to transform lockdown and raise money for the appeal: <https://cafod.org.uk/Fundraise/School-fundraising/Summer-of-Hope>

Melksham Food Bank: There has been a huge rise in the number needing the Food Bank. To donate food items, please use either the designated trollies in the Supermarkets or deliver to the Baptist Church. Items needed - cans of meat, vegetables and fruit, pots of jam, crisps. Do not send chilled, or frozen foods or fresh fruit or vegetables as these cannot be stored. Thank you.

Please pray for the following: Mrs. Rosa Menghini, Don d'Cruz, Mrs Kathleen Murphy, John Doyle, Mrs Marian Frawley, Geoff Blwyddin, Mrs Jean Irwin, Mrs Jeanette Allsop, Mrs Bridie Liddle, Zofia Clarke, Chris Bate, David Coughlin, Katja Lubina, Patrick Egan, Mrs Jonasz. Deacon David Wakefield, Rebecca Matthews, Paul Hogg, Keith Healy, Alan Glass, Tricia Rigg, Henie Dixon, Brian Hillhouse, June Carey. All those suffering from coronavirus, and those finding isolation difficult.

Please note – due to GDPR regulations, we are obliged to have the consent of the person you wish to pray for (or that of a close family member) before publishing their name in the newsletter.

Just some thoughts:

Good Morning! This is God; I will be handling all of your problems today. I will not need your help. So – relax...and have a great day!

Via Keith Healy

Church bulletin extracts:

- A bean supper will be held on Tuesday evening in the church hall. Music will follow.

- At the evening service, the sermon topic will be 'What is Hell?' Come early and listen to our choir practice.
- Eight new choir robes are currently needed due to the additional of several new members and to the deterioration of some older ones.

Wordsearch – Sixteenth Sunday of the Year:

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A	N	H	Y	U	E	O	E	I	E	W	T
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H	A	N	M	L	D	S	E	N	A	X	E
W	I	M	E	E	O	N	G	M	P	E	T
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S	O	E	S	E	D	U	I	D	R	P	S
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AIR	HARVEST	SAINTS
BARN	HEAVEN	SHRUB
BRANCHES	INSOLENCE	SOVEREIGN
BURNT	JUDGEMENT	TAUGHT
COLLECT	KINDLY	TEETH
DARNEL	MUSTARD	TURN
EARS	NEVER	WEAKNESS
ENEMY	NEW	WHEAT
EXPRESSES	PARABLE	YEAST

Only eliminate the words in the list .Any other words are coincidental and should not be used. The remaining letters describe God in today's reading " our _ _ _ _ _ " The remaining letters last week made the words THE SOWER.

Hilary Clifton

Words of Wisdom:

People are often unreasonable and self-centred:
 Forgive them anyway.
 If you are kind, people may accuse you of ulterior motives:
 Be kind anyway.
 If you are honest, people may cheat you:
 Be honest anyway.
 If you find happiness, people may be jealous:
 Be happy anyway.
 The good you do may be forgotten tomorrow:
 Do good anyway.
 Give the world you best and it may never be enough:
 Give your best anyway.
 For you see, in the end, it is between you and God:
 It was never between you and them anyway.

Mother Teresa

Any Comments?

Is there anything you would particularly like to see included in the weekly newsletter, while we are unable to gather together to worship? Please send any comments to the email address below, or 'phone the office on 01225 702128 and leave a message. Thank you.

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